



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2014/2015 Hunt Regulations: Cowhouse Unit

General Information:

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 550 National Wildlife Refuges – places that provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Hunting Dates:

Deer and Feral Hog

Archery (Either Sex)

Sept. 13-29; Oct. 5-7; Oct. 12-16 (Sign-In)

Primitive Weapons (Either sex)

Oct. 1-4 (Check-In); Oct. 9-11 (Sign-In)

Firearms (Buck only)

Oct. 18-19; Oct. 25-28 (Sign-In)

Firearms (Either Sex)

Nov. 6-8 (Check-In); Nov. 26-30; Dec. 6-9 (Sign-In)

Small Game (Quail, Rabbit, & Squirrel Only)

Firearms (See State Regulations)

Aug. 15- Sept. 29; Oct. 5- Nov. 4; Nov. 9, 2014- Feb. 28, 2015

Pointing dogs allowed for quail hunting only. No furbearer season.

Feral hog may be taken during small game dates after Oct. 31.

Turkey

Shotgun

Mar. 21 - May 15, 2015

In accordance with Dixon Memorial WMA regulations. Sign-In at refuge Cowhouse kiosk if on refuge property.

Hunting Regulations:



You are responsible for following all State and Federal hunting regulations. Additionally, these Refuge-specific regulations:

- All hunters must possess a valid State Hunting License.
- Sign-In at refuge Cowhouse kiosk if on refuge property is **mandatory**.
- Licenses, all hunting equipment, effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal or State Officers.
- You must have a valid Refuge entrance pass. Purchase passes at West Entrance (Stephen C. Foster State Park), and the East Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area). A current Duck Stamp is also valid for entry, which may be purchased at a U.S. Post Office.
- Hunters under 16 years old must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult.

- Park at designated points only.
- ***Use of ATV's on the refuge is prohibited.*** Walk or bicycle into your hunt area from the paved road.
- Use of flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads or paint to mark scouted areas is strictly prohibited.
- Unload and case all weapons when transporting them in vehicles.
- Field dress deer or hogs out of public sight.
- Overnight camping, fires, possession and/or use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.
- ***Alligator and Bear hunting are prohibited.***
- ***Areas outside the Cowhouse Unit and designated areas within Dixon Memorial State Forest are not included in the hunt area.*** See map for boundaries of the Cowhouse Unit.

For more information, contact the refuge Visitor Center at (912) 496-7836, 9am – 4pm daily or visit the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Okefenokee/visit/visitor_activities.html.

